

The following is a list of species that Bruce's group was lucky enough to observe and count in the reverse migration at Point Pelee:

Blue-winged Warbler	1
Golden-winged Warbler	1
Tennessee Warbler	10
Nashville Warbler	150
Northern Parula	12
Yellow Warbler	35
Chestnut-sided Warbler	250
Magnolia Warbler	125
Cape May Warbler	15
Black-throated Blue Warbler	35
Yellow-rumped Warbler	35
Black-throated Green Warbler	25
Palm Warbler	25
Bay-breasted Warbler	20
Black & White Warbler	20
American Redstart	30
Ovenbird	15
Common Yellowthroat	10
Scarlet Tanager	40
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	150
Indigo Bunting	50
Orchard Oriole	30
Baltimore Oriole	4,000

## Wye Marsh Festival

It's Wye Marsh festival time again. For the past 17 years, the wildlife centre in Midland has hosted one of the largest environmental celebrations held in Canada and is the centre's primary fundraiser.

This year, on September 21 and 22, Wye promises to bring lots of exciting activities, informative demonstrations and hands-on fun for the whole family, all centred around bringing people closer to nature.

World-renowned naturalist Bob

Bowles, the Nature Detective, will be featured at Wildlife and Wetlands. Wilderness survival tips, canoe trips, beekeeping demonstrations and exhibits of live animals, birds and reptiles are all incorporated.

The popular Canadian Wildlife Carving Championships returns again, featuring master carvers from across the country. The Ontario Bird Show features unique feeders and houses, as well as spotting birds and identifying calls. Sounds like a good time.

## Does it Collect Airmiles?

Talk about your frequent flyer. A Manx Shearwater, an oceanic "tubenose" from Britain, holds the undisputed record for the most miles flown by a bird – about 5,000,000. That's not a typo. Since its birth in 1952, it has annually moved between Britain and South America, with plenty of airtime at both ends. The bird was banded

in 1957 and recaptured several times since, including this spring, so they have pretty good stats on it. It is still breeding.

Oddly enough, a Manx turned up dead in Ottawa last August (See our Fall 2001 issue). That's an incredibly rare find inland but as they say, "Birds have wings so..."

## Farewell!

by Bruce Di Labio

On June 8, 2002, Canada's most distinguished ornithologist, Dr. W. Earl Godfrey passed away at the age of 92. Dr. Godfrey's impact on the birding world will far surpass his time with us. His most significant contribution was his book *"The Birds of Canada"*, first published in 1966. This book brought birdwatching to the forefront in Canada and set a new standard of excellence in the study of Canadian birds.

His commitment to maintaining a current knowledge of birds in the field continued until his passing. The last time I saw him birding was in December, 2001 at Dick Bell Park in Ottawa. We spent the morning searching for Snowy Owls on the docks at the Nepean Sailing Club on the Ottawa River. He was looking at upgrading his Bausch & Lomb Elites and was testing my 8 X 42 Leicas.

Growing up in Ottawa, with Dr. Godfrey living and working just



*Bruce Di Labio presents Dr. Godfrey with the Distinguished Ornithologist Award from the Ontario Field Ornithologists in October, 1997* Photo, Dan Brunton

"around the corner" provided many of Ottawa's birding community an opportunity to work with the best. Dr. Godfrey always had time to discuss birds with anyone who ventured into his office in what was, at the time, the National Museum of Canada.

He was a mentor for many new and experienced birdwatchers and made the study of birds both a legitimate and important endeavour. His friendship, excellent birding knowledge and guidance will be missed.